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St. George Catholic Elementary School students had the chance to skate with members of the Fort Erie Junior B Meteors last Friday morning at the Crystal Ridge Arena as part of the school's skating program that was revived for the first time in many years. Since 2010, PenFinancial Credit Union's Skates for Kids has donated approximately 3,500 pairs of gently used skates and 2,000 brand new helmets to schools across Niagara. The goal of Skates for Kids is to create a sustainable skating program in every school. Schools are asked to apply in the spring and recipients are selected in the summer. St. George Catholic Elementary School received 50 pairs of skates. Students and staff met representatives from Skates for Kids last Friday and thanked them for their support.



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Former cadet receives Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award

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Fort Erie Times

When he learned he had been selected to receive the Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award, Kevin Gault felt honoured.

"(Winning the award) shows that I can do what I set my mind to. It's a big point of personal pride and I am extremely proud to receive this," he said.

A volunteer with the Stevensville Navy League Cadet Corps and a former flight sergeant with the 337 Squadron of the Air Cadets in Fort Erie, Gault has been an active member of the community for many years.

The Duke of Edinburgh Award is an international award created by Prince Philip. It was first launched in the United Kingdom in 1956 to

encourage youth to become more active in their communities. It has grown over the years to recognize individuals in more than 140 countries.

Recipients of the award must meet standards in physical fitness, skills, community service and a wilderness expedition. It takes most youth who apply for the award a year to complete. There are three levels of the award: bronze, silver and gold. Each level requires increasing commitment and efforts.

Gault first learned about the award when he became a Navy League cadet.

"When I first heard about the award it was something I noticed on a big plaque of awards in the Navy League cadet program. I didn't know what it was at the time," he said.

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Kevin Gault, 19, of Fort Erie, has been named one of this year's recipients of the Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award.

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'It's a really big challenge. It really makes you push yourself...'

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"When I started Air Cadets, they explained it to me. I set that as a goal for me. It was a challenge I wanted to complete so I told them I wanted to participate in it."

Gault, who received the silver award in 2012 and

graduated from Lakeshore Catholic High School with more than 2,000 hours of community service, will be presented with a pin in recognition of his gold award during a Niagara Region council meeting this week. A member of the royal family will present him with the award in Ottawa on a date

yet to be determined.

In order to qualify for the award, Gault completed a four-day bicycle trip from Point Pelee to Fort Erie that covered 400 kilometres. He also participated in a six-week Drill and Ceremonial Instructors Course camp at CFB Trenton.

As an acting Sub-Lieutenant

and training officer, Gault currently trains Navy League cadets ages nine to 12.

Gault is studying political science at Brock University and he hopes to become a lawyer specializing in corporate or international law.

It wasn't easy, but Gault said the hours it took to complete the require-

ments in order to receive the award were worthwhile because it taught him discipline and the importance of being an active member of the community.

"It's a big challenge. It really makes you push yourself in order to do it," he admitted.

If other cadets are inter-

ested in achieving similar success, Gault said it's important to "stick with it."

"Keep pushing yourself. If it was easy to do, it wouldn't be prestigious as it is. The feeling you have when you finally accomplish it is amazing."

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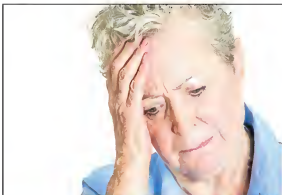
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South Niagara Life Ministries is offering a grief support group each Wednesday from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. until May.

SARAH FERGUSON
Fort Erie Times

Losing a loved one can be a painful experience, but there is hope.

Fort Erie's Daisy May and her husband, Bob, have been facilitating the Grief Share Support

Group for the last three years. They offer sessions in the fall and spring and they encourage anyone who has felt loss to attend a meeting.

The support group is held at South Niagara Life Ministries, at 143 Gilmore Rd., each Wednesday between 7 p.m. and 9 p.m.

May, who lost her son five years ago, knows first-hand what it's like to lose someone too soon.

"I try to tell people that it does take time (to overcome grief), but we need to step up the process and talk about it. Otherwise, people can get stuck in their grief for years and years."

According to May, there is "good grief" and there is "bad grief."

"Good grief is doing something about the pain you feel and bad grief is when you give into it, cling to the person you lost and not let go."

Those who attend the meetings will watch a video featuring experts discussing a variety of issues related to grief and loss and if they choose, they can

complete worksheets to help understand their emotions.

There will also be time for personal reflection and to share thoughts with others who are struggling with grief.

May said it's important to manage grief, and meeting others with similar experiences can help.

Sometimes, people might be afraid to participate in a support group because they are nervous about discussing their feelings. May encourages people to attend the Grief Share Support Group, "even if they just want to listen."

What's most important is to help people understand it's okay and it's going to take time to heal, she said.

The meetings run each Wednesday until May.

For more information about the grief support group call May at 905-991-0742, send an e-mail to dmay59@gmail.com or call South Niagara Life Ministries at 905-871-0236.

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Zipline & Aerial Adventure Course: Construction has begun on the development of a new zipline attraction and aerial adventure course at NPC's Grand View Marketplace and Thompson's Point locations.

Miller's Creek Marina Development: Find out more as NPC moves forward with plans to enhance and improve the overall operations of its Niagara Parks Marina.

Emerald Ash Borer: NPC staff will provide an update on its proactive EAB Management Plan and efforts to address the impact on Ash trees found within NPC's properties.

Chippewa Grassland Bird Habitat Management Plan: See how NPC plans to enhance over 100 acres of fallow fields to provide habitat for grassland dependent bird species on its property.

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Point of View

New trails bill loses its way to common sense

The future of a wide variety of trails in Ontario is up in the air because nobody thought to consider the interests of the biggest stakeholders, the landowners.

In the development of the Bill 100, the new trails act, the province held consultations with some 250 groups. Landowners were not included.

After the bill was formulated, the Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA), which speaks for many of Ontario's farmers, was offered the opportunity to comment. The OFA does support the act, although it raised several concerns at that late date.

Today the key issue racing like wildfire through rural Ontario is the question of easements on private property and what such easements, if granted, might mean down the road.

Related is the question of whether signing an agreement for public use of private property technically constitutes granting an easement.

Trail proponents, the government and even the OFA say that under the act, only the landowner has the right specifically to agree to an easement, which could permanently open the land in question to public use. They quote Section 12, which says entering into easements is entirely voluntary.

Even Michael Coteau, Ontario minister of tourism, culture and sport, in a letter said the landowners are protected.

Not so fast, said Tom Black, president of the Ontario Landowners Association (OLA). There's a lot more to the bill than Section 12 and the devil is in the details.

To begin with, Black said, there is almost nothing in the bill about the private property owners.

The OLA boss has had discussions and more are in the works with government and trail officials. He points out the association is not against trails crossing private land, far from it. "But the landowners must be

protected," Black said.

Black's organization is opposing the bill as it stands based on legal advice. However, setting legalities aside, he said he has big concerns about the "common sense part of it."

For example, once an easement is in place it can be dealt with by nominees. Among these are conservation authorities, which already are at loggerheads with farmers and landowners in many areas. There are 185 of conservation authorities alone. Other nominees include First Nations bands and aboriginal communities, trustees of charitable organizations, the Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, etc.

Also the bill mentions space for parking lots for trail users. The concerns go on and on.

In spite of the fact trails groups disagree with the OLA position, the organization is continuing to warn private property owners about the legislation. As a result many are closing trails that cross their land.

So here's the rub. Ontario has had solid working trail systems for years developed by trail users and landowners working together.

There is wide agreement that things were working just fine, thank you very much.

The Bruce Trail is an example. Here's an excerpt from a letter signed by Beth Gillespie, executive director of the Bruce Trail Conservancy.

"The conservancy 'has the proud distinction of working with 960 landowners who generously allow the Bruce Trail to cross their private land. Many of these 'handshake' agreements have been in place for close to 50 years, and the landowners have always had -- and continue to have -- the right to allow or withdraw access at any time."

Apparently none of the folks involved in drafting this legislation ever heard the old rural advice, "If it ain't broke, don't fix it."

-Jim Merriam



Do you remember?

We thank the museum volunteer who wishes to remain anonymous about the identity of three of the children in last week's photo. From left, (front row) is Joe Arno and Ralph Marino. The boy in the back row, far right was David Beam. We still welcome any calls about the other two children or where and when this photo was taken. Although there are no names on the back of this week's photo, there is a clue. The photos on the wall between these two people show Robert Stanfield with the slogan, "The man with the winning way." If you remember any Conservative candidates from that time, we are hoping that you will probably be able to tell us more about this photo by calling the Fort Erie Historical Museum at 905-864-5322 or sending us an e-mail museum@forterie.on.ca



Correction

Niagara Area Children's Assistance Program will begin accepting registration for Easter assistance from March 14 to 18 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 151 Gilmore Rd. For more information call NACAP at 905-871-5437.

In correct information appeared in last week's edition of the Fort Erie Times.

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Think high and think fast as bald eagles are known to fly as high as 10,000 feet

I have observed Bald Eagles here in Fort Erie, in Port Colborne, on Strawberry Island and across the Niagara River at Iniquitous National Refuge.

I have seen many and tried to photograph them. Not so successfully though. Sally Howard recently at Rose Hill in her photo below captured what I couldn't!

Bald Eagles have been sighted many times recently on the Niagara River Canadian side. Dr. David Henry has seen them in front of his riverside home at times. Nephew Keith Bailey, brother Ed and I saw a pair perched on a tree branch just to the north of Fort Erie last year. We didn't have a camera.

Others have reported seeing the Bald Eagle in the Erie Beach area. This great raptor is back and hopefully



to stay!

Here are some facts about this big bird. Like most raptors, the female is a little bigger than the male. A big bird; its wingspan can be up to seven feet wide. Sally Howard's eagle looks like a full sized adult.

Their main source of food of course is fish. Eagles will also eat carrion (dead or decaying animal flesh), smaller birds, rodents, squirrels and rabbits.

I have said this before. Bald eagles are not bald.

The name comes from Old English for "white." That is the word "Balde."

Bald Eagles have yellow beaks with large talons (hooked claws). I have on my wall two legal Bald Eagle feathers given to me.

I read that the Bald Eagle has about 7,000 feathers.

Think high and think fast. Bald Eagles can fly as high as 10,000 feet. Pilots look out!

They have been clocked up to 40 miles per hour! I have seen the actual Bald Eagle nest at Iniquitous National Refuge on closed circuit TV. I am Six feet and I believe I could stretch out in that nest full length. They build very large nests that can be eight feet in width. Both of the Port Colborne eagle nests were much smaller I believe. I have watched other raptors (Red-

tail and Marsh hawks) perform cartwheels in the sky when mating. Bald Eagles do the same, I haven't seen this but the pair hook their talons in mating and spin down from the sky heading for the ground. It is quite a sight to see.

Bald Eagles also mate for life.

A baby eagle is called an Eaglet. They are light brown in colour and it takes three or four years to attain the white head of an adult.

Bald Eagles can live 30 to 40 years in the wild and even longer in captivity.

Remember when

DDT pesticides and being hunted by humans were two of the main reasons that there was a great decline in the population.

Since 2007, the Bald Eagle is no longer on the Endangered List. It's great news!



SALLY HOWARD/SPECIAL TO THE FORT ERIE TIMES

A Rose Hill Bald Eagle.

My research says that there are around 70,000 Bald Eagles living in the wild. Sorry U.S.A., most of

them live in Canada!

Earl Plato is a resident of Fort Erie, local historian and nature lover.

Musicians will bring Celtic sounds to Stevensville Hall

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This week, we are celebrating Freedom to Read Week with a special display

of books that have been either banned or challenged. In Canada, a free country by the world's standards, some books are still banned at the border, and many schools and libraries are asked to remove material from their shelves.

Visit the Centennial branch to view some of these works, find out why different items have been controversial, and pick up a challenged book to read. Freedom to Read Week is an annual event that encourages all Canadians to think about and reaffirm their commitment to intellectual freedom, which is guaran-

teed under the Charter of Rights and Freedoms. The observance is organized by the Freedom of Expression Committee of the Book and Periodical Council.

March Break events are generating a lot of interest. Whether the child in your life is four or 14, we have fun things for them to do all week long. Stop by for a newsletter or flier, or visit our web site to find out more about repulies, Alexander's Terrible Day, science experiments, staying home alone safety, magicians and movies. It's all part of the Break!

It may be early to say,

but "La Fhelle Padraig Sona Daolbh!" "Happy St. Patrick's Day!" The library is celebrating St. Patrick and all things Irish on Wednesday, March 16, at the Stevensville Hall. MacPherson's Rant and the De Menzees Academy of Irish Dance will be entertaining, at 7 p.m., in a delightful program for all ages.

MacPherson's Rant, very popular at library programs and around the region, is a gathering of talented musicians who specialize in the Celtic sound, whether it is Irish, Scottish or Maritime. The Rant has been playing together, with variations, for

over a decade. Instruments that will be featured on March 16 include pipes and whistles, bagpipes, fiddle, mandolin and guitars, bass, keyboards and the bodhran. Many of the dance students who will be performing compete provincially. Refreshments, including Irish soda bread, will be served for a little taste of Ireland. Tickets should be picked up in advance at any branch of the library in order to ensure seating. The ticket price is \$5.

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INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES: TRANSIT

Briefs

Police make arrest in Fort Erie break and enter

Police say a Fort Erie man is
 facing charges after he allegedly
 attempted to flee the scene of a
 break and enter.

Officers from the Fort Erie
 detachment of the NRPDS were
 called to the area of Maple Lane and
 Edgemere Road last Thursday in
 response to a residential intrusion
 alarm.

Officers observed a vehicle
 embedded in the snow bank near
 the location of the residential alarm
 and a man inside the vehicle.

Further investigation of the
 incident revealed that the residence
 where the intrusion alarm
 originated had been entered by
 force and that significant damage
 was found to items of value within
 the residence.

Officers determined the male
 driver of the disabled vehicle was
 attempting to flee the scene of
 the break and enter when he lost
 control of his vehicle and became
 stuck in the snow bank.

Stewart Hardman, 26, of Fort Erie
 has been charged with break and
 enter and commit mischief.

He was released and is expected
 to appear in court on April 19.

Police ask public's help to find robbery suspects

The Niagara Regional Police are
 seeking the public's help to find two
 robbery suspects.

Police say officers responded to a
 robbery at a Fort Erie residence on
 Feb. 19 at 8 p.m.

The residents were forced to the
 floor and sprayed with bear mace.
 The assailants stole some property
 from the home and were last seen
 fleeing the residence on foot.

The Fort Erie Criminal
 Investigations Branch of the
 NRPDS has identified one suspect
 as 20-year-old Aaron Brown, who
 has connections to Fort Erie and is
 wanted for robbery, assault with
 a weapon, uttering threats,
 possession of a prohibited
 weapon and fail to comply with a
 probation order.

A second suspect is described as
 a black male of average height
 and weight with a dreadlock
 hairstyle.

Investigators believe this was
 not a random occurrence and

Aaron Brown and his unknown
 accomplice targeted the victims.
 Anyone with information
 regarding is asked to contact the
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Trivia challenge returns to Old Fort

Test your knowledge of history,
 geography, famous movies, music
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The Niagara Parks Commission
 has announced the return of the
 Old Fort Trivia Challenge that will
 be held on Saturday, Feb. 27, from
 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Old Fort Erie
 Welcome Centre, 350 Lakeshore Rd.

The challenge will feature
 questions on a variety of topics
 including the War of 1812 and the
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Police have no regrets about releasing names

BILL SAWCHUK
Postmedia Network

Two years ago, the Niagara Regional Police started naming and shaming impaired drivers.

The impact on impaired drivers rates in Niagara is debatable, but police say they have no regrets: Hundreds of those charged have had their identities published online in weekly updates posted on the NRP website that list the driver's name, hometown and age.

"I don't have any second thoughts," Chief Jeff McGuire said. "We put a lot of work into it when we started it. We didn't just wake up in the morning and decide to do it."

"I think it is the right thing to do in the interest of transparency and crime prevention. We are trying to protect everybody."

"Employers and neighbours have a right to know if someone is under a form of suspension of their driving privileges. In the past, they would not have known."

But criminal lawyer V.J. Singh says people charged with impaired driving already face a high level of social stigma and embarrassment, even without having their names published.

"If we deem it to be newsworthy, then the public needs to know," Singh said. "If the intent is just to shame and humiliate people — that's not the proper use of the information."

"Their lives are in turmoil after drinking and driving charges. They pay a high price. They are often terrified of having their names in the paper."

In 2015, there were 487 impaired driving arrests on roadways patrolled by the Niagara Regional Police.

It's a number that's way too high, said Andrew Murie, CEO of Mothers Against Drunk Driving.

"We don't have any science or evidence that naming impaired drivers in media sources makes impaired driving numbers go down, but the police believe it is the

right thing for their community," Murie said.

"I've often heard police chiefs say that if it makes the difference in one drunk driving or impaired (case), it is worth doing."

The numbers of impaired driving arrests in Niagara has dropped since police began publishing names.

There were 538 people charged in 2013, the year before the NRP started identifying the drivers. That number fell to 472 in the first year of the online program.

"It is hard to make a direct correlation" between the change in policy to the drop in rates, Const. Phil Gavin said.

However, he reiterated the NRP believes releasing the name is a "positive step" in reducing impaired driving and saving lives.

McGuire agreed. "I understand it creates a challenge in people's lives, but they made choices and have to face the consequences," he said. "Quite frankly, I think the people have shamed themselves."

"We have received a fair bit of public support for it. I think I have only had three or four calls from people who have taken the time to contact my office directly to ask they be exempt from having their name published. We don't make any exceptions. If they are charged, we proceed."

The purpose of publishing the names is twofold, according to the NRP. First is to act as a deterrent. Second, it enlists the public's help in ensuring compliance with the conditions imposed on those charged.

The Ministry of Transportation issues a 90-day administrative driver's licence suspension to anyone accused of impaired driving.

The police encourage the public to contact the NRP's traffic safety hotline or Crime Stoppers to report anyone who is driving in contravention of the suspension.

"My advice is to spend the money on a cab or get a designated driver," Singh said. "Get someone to drive your car. You have a lot of choices."

Murie said a conviction

can cost an individual somewhere between \$15,000 and \$20,000 when all is said and done.

"You have to pay your lawyer. After the conviction, you also end up paying between \$10,000 and \$12,000 a year for insurance — and that is if you have a good record."

"Some are thinking they are going to lose their job. They are going to lose their friends. Make the decision before you get behind the wheel. There is nothing wrong with going out and having fun, just don't put anybody else or yourself at risk."

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Dr. John Inigo is a practicing general dentist in Fort Erie and Ridgeway Ontario. He can be reached at Inigo Bertie Dentistry, 905.871.2903 or Inigo Ridgeway Dentistry 905.894.5555. For further information and discussion, please visit his office at www.inigodentistry.com

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Over 600 women were at Club Roma on February 18 for the 6th Annual Women & Wellness event, an educational fundraiser supporting the Canadian Mental Health Association – Niagara Branch. Attendees and sponsors raised over \$48,000 for the Walk-In Counselling Program of CMHA Niagara.

Valerie Pringle, one of Canada's best known and respected public figures who is now a devoted philanthropist and advocate for mental wellness, related how mental illness impacted her family. She emphasized how 'you are not alone' for 1 in 5 people experience a mental illness sometime during their life.

Something Something Productions, a local theatrical group presented 3 monologues that profoundly illustrated some of the faces of mental illness.

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Event Co-Chair Kyla Gilmore
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Valerie Pringle



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L to R: Lisa Hansen, Ann Dathan,
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Second Photographer and
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It is a crime that covers all demographics.

Of the age range of those arrested, the highest percentage is between the ages of 30 and 59, the NRP report. Ninety-nine per cent are alone in the vehicle when charged.

"You just need to take a look at the carnage and fatalities and lives destroyed by impaired drivers," McGuire said. "We will do everything we can to help people make the right decisions, and that includes making the public aware of those who are suspended."

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'Real significance' to wine in grocery stores

RAY SPITERI
Postmedia Network

The Niagara wine industry is applauding last Thursday's announcement from the provincial government that wine will be sold in up to 300 grocery stores across Ontario.

Wine, beer and cider will be available for sale in 70 grocers this first three years.

"This is of real significance to our industry," said Patrick Gedge, president of the Winery & Grower Alliance of Ontario, based in Vineland.

There is potential for as much of the industry as a result of that ... to grow the sale of Ontario grapes and increase our economic impact to the province."

Premier Kathleen Wynne announced the expanded alcohol sales at a Toronto grocery store Thursday morning.

Ed Clark's wine and spirits panel has called for existing wine retailers in grocery stores to be allowed to share check-out lanes.

"Finally people in Ontario will be able to buy their wine and groceries at the same

place, at the same time, at the same checkout," Wynne said in a statement.

Ontario began permitting beer sales in grocery stores in December.

Clark did not recommend stand-alone booze stores, and some grocers will be limited to Ontario-only VQA wine for the first three years.

The new plan for alcohol sales still falls far short of what's available in some other provinces and the U.S.

"The government said, 'I don't want to blow up the LCBO. I don't want to blow up the Beer Store, what I want is for them to be better,'" said Clark.

Gedge said his group worked with Clark and his team for the last year and a half to "ensure the changes provide growth opportunities for all segments of the Ontario wine industry."

Gedge described Clark's recommendations as balanced.

"We look forward to enhancing consumer access and exposure to Ontario wines through grocers in the province."



THE CANADIAN PRESS/MICHELLE JO

Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne, right, and Finance Minister Charles Sousa, left, appear at a press conference in a Toronto supermarket last Thursday to formally announce that her government will open up wine sales in grocery stores across Ontario.

Gedge said the alliance stressed to Clark the importance of economic driver and growth potential of the Ontario wine industry that extends across agriculture, production, distribution, and tourism.

"We consistently advocated for a progressive policy framework for the Ontario wine industry across three principles that would drive domestic industry growth,

recognize investments already made, and ensure our ability to compete with the international wine market," he said.

Currently, wine is only sold at the LCBO and a select number of retailers, such as the Wine Rack.

Richard Linley, president of the Wine Council of Ontario, also based in Vineland, said Thursday's announcement is

a "positive first step in leveling the playing field" for Ontario VQA wineries.

"The proposed approach will have a direct positive impact on the future of Ontario VQA wineries, leading to increased sales and job creation in our industry," he said. "Future retail channels will also help complement our industry's longstanding and important partnership with the LCBO."

According to the province, the bidding and authorization process for wine will be similar to the beer in grocery stores initiative.

To ensure fair representation of grocers and an equitable geographic distribution, the allocation criteria for wine will be similar to beer, with authorizations reserved for independent grocers and allocated across regions.

In mid-December, Food Basics on Montrose Road was named by the provincial government as one of the first 58 grocery stores across Ontario to sell beer.

Food Basics in Niagara Falls was the only Niagara store listed in the first round of Ontario's commitment to

make it more convenient for people to buy beer.

Ministry of Finance spokesman Scott Blodgett said grocers that currently sell beer can't automatically sell wine.

"Single-store grocery operators that were successful in the 2015 allocation would be able to bid for a new universal wine licence for their store to combine with their existing beer licence."

Blodgett said large grocers are able to transfer their existing beer authorizations to another of their stores within a region, "so those grocers would participate in the competitive allocation process for the new universal wine and beer licences."

Mark Bernhardt, a spokesman for Metro Ontario Inc., which owns Food Basics, said they're pleased to hear of the wine announcement, "and we look forward to offering it in our stores."

"We don't have information on which stores will sell wine yet, but will make that information available as soon as we're able to," he said. ray.spiteri@postmedia.ca
Twitter: @RaySpiteri

MARCH EVENTS @

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NONE ALONE COURSE BY SAINT JOHN ANNUALANCE. Thursday, March 17
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9:30 a.m., Centennial branch

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RUNNER GAMES: MUCKINGJAY, PART 2. Tuesday, March 15, 2:30 p.m., Crystal Ridge branch
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Churches set to celebrate World Pray Day

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in global mission. Women in 170 countries participate in the annual event, which focuses on a different country each year. This year's service was written by the women of Cuba. Nine churches will participate in the service in Crystal Beach. Guest speakers at the event include Ron and Marjorie Lofthouse, who will show pictures

of Cuba and its people.

Free skating

MPP Wayne Gates is sponsoring a free family skate this Saturday at the Fort Erie Leisureplex from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Donations of canned goods to the food bank at Community Outreach Program Erie are appreciated.

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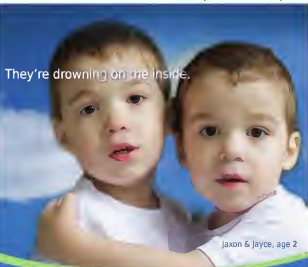
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Fishermen rescue man from the Niagara River

RAY SPITERI
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Kevin Brochu and his father Rick went from being fishermen to heroes this weekend when they rescued a man whose boat capsized in the frigid Niagara River.

The Welland residents were fishing in a boat near Nicholls Marine in Fort Erie around 3:30 p.m., Saturday when someone on shore started yelling at them that the boat was further down the river "just floating."

The men pulled up anchor and headed towards the other end of the river in search of the person in distress.

"We saw the bow part of a boat up above the water, but the rest of the boat was all submerged," said Kevin. "He

was about 100 feet away from the boat. He had a little life jacket on and he was barely holding on.

"He was moaning and just barely conscious. He was definitely hypothermic. The water was 32 degrees. It was freezing. He couldn't move. We had to physically lift him in (the boat)."

He said they then transferred the patient to firefighters who had their own boat in the river.

Rick said the situation was "kind of scary," but he and his son remained focused on the task at hand.

Kevin said they heard there was a second person from the capsized boat and "apparently that person made it to shore."

"When a boat breaks down, you just stop fishing

and help," he said. "Guys on boats just kind of help each other out. You just go."

According to the Fort Erie Fire Department's Twitter account, firefighters were dispatched to the Niagara River, near Central Avenue/Bowen Road for a water rescue at 3:24 p.m.

The fire department received a report of a boat that capsized in the river with two patients in the water.

The fire department said Niagara Regional Police and Niagara Emergency Medical Services also attended.

The fire department dispatched two rescue boats.

When both patients were brought out of the water, they were treated by paramedics.

The two boats conducted a tandem tow to bring the cap-

sized boat to shore.

Fort Erie fire Chief Larry Coplen said the two men were from Port Colborne and "it sounds like were drift fishing" in the river.

"You put your anchor out and slowly let the water pull you downstream, but apparently the anchor got caught on something and flipped the boat over," he said.

Coplen said fortunately for the two men, the "stars aligned for them" because someone just happened to notice the situation from the shore, the two Welland residents were equipped to respond, and volunteer firefighters happened to be having a family day at the nearby Central Avenue station when the call came in.



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Welland residents Rick Brochu, left, and his son, Kevin, pulled a Port Colborne man from the icy waters of the Niagara River in Fort Erie on Saturday after his boat capsized.

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Two Welland residents and the Fort Erie Fire Department helped to rescue two people from a capsized boat in the Niagara River in Fort Erie on Saturday.

Nearby firemen responded quickly

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"They were able to get there within a minute, when normally it may have taken four or five minutes to assemble and get the equipment," said Coplen.

In a press release issued Sunday morning, Niagara Regional Police said witnesses had reported seeing two men capsize a small fishing boat and could be seen in distress in the water.

One male was able to swim to shore, however the second was unable to and in

danger of succumbing to the frigid water.

"Thanks to the quick actions of the witnesses involved, two other fishermen were located close by on another boat, who were in turn able to find the male in distress and pull him aboard."

They were transported to hospital suffering from hypothermia, but are expected to make a full recovery.

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THE PROCESS

The study has followed the Class Environmental Assessment (EA) for Provincial Transportation Facilities (1999, as amended in 2000) process for a Group "B" project. A Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR) was completed for the Preliminary Design and Class Environmental Assessment Study (G.W.P. 2177-08-00) that received environmental assessment approval in May 2014.

A Design and Construction Report (DCR) has been prepared to outline the environmental impacts and mitigation measures for the Detail Design plan. The DCR is available for a 30-day public review period from

Thursday, February 25, 2016 to Friday, March 25, 2016 at the following locations, during regular business hours:

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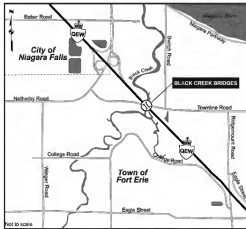
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Queen of Clubs support culinary program



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The Queen of Clubs, a local group of women dedicated to helping people in need in Fort Erie, held a euchre night on Jan. 25 and raised \$700 for the culinary program that will be offered at the town's future high school, Greater Fort Erie Secondary School. The event was well attended by 64 people. From left are Fort Erie Secondary School students Kimberlyn Kiss, Ricardo Johnson, Queen of Clubs member Joan Dubé, Bryan Kuhn, culinary teacher Afshin Keyvani, Queen of Clubs member Wendy Gibson, Jason Haywood and principal Fred Louws.

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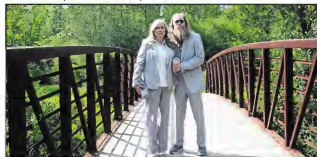
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Family and friends are hosting a fundraiser Sunday at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 230 to help Bruce Tomlinson (left) who has been diagnosed with cancer. Beside him is his wife, Sam.

Fundraiser to support Fort Erie man battling cancer

SARAH FERGUSON
Fort Erie Times

Friends and loved ones have rallied together to help Fort Erie's Bruce Tomlinson and his family. Tomlinson, 62, was diagnosed with colon cancer just before Christmas and he is currently undergoing medical treatments that have put "a huge financial strain" on the family, said Linda Smith.

Smith, who has known Bruce Tomlinson's wife, Sam, for more than eight years, said the fami-

ly's finances have been stretched from driving back and fourth from the hospital for chemotherapy and radiation treatments and the cost of medication.

To help the family, Smith has joined in the effort to raise money to cover costs associated with Tomlinson's care.

The Tomlinson Family Benefit Fundraiser will be held Sunday, Feb. 28 at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 230, 228 South Mill St. in Ridgeway from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m.

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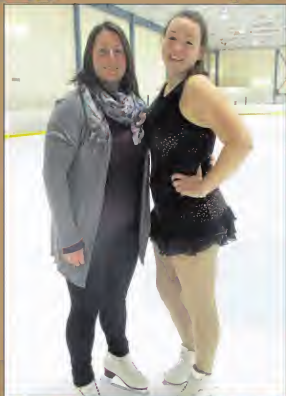
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Entrepreneur wants to help improve Niagara businesses

SARAH FERGUSON
Fort Erie Times

Audra Maloney wanted to do something to help make businesses in Niagara stronger.

That's why Maloney, with over 18 years of experience in executive management in education, launched her own business in September called the Optimize Training Company.

The Fort Erie-based company which Maloney runs out of her home office provides over 200 workshops for business professionals in both French and English. The company provides service to businesses across Ontario and has expanded to serve Alberta, British Columbia and Quebec since the company was formed six months ago.

Starting her own business wasn't an easy process, but Maloney said it was a risk she was willing to take.

"On a personal note, I wasn't seeing my children as often as I'd like. I have four children between the ages of five and nine. I needed something that was flexible because I wanted to be here for them," Maloney said.

"At the same time, I knew I wanted to help other organizations become more successful."

Maloney's company offers a variety of one-day workshops that help business professionals improve their skills. The topics include administrative skills, career development, human resources, personal development, sales and market-



SARAH FERGUSON/FORT ERIE TIMES

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ing, supervising and management. First Nations cultural courses and computer skills.

Each participant will receive a certificate for each workshop they complete.

The business owner credits her success in launching the Optimize Training Company to the Fort Erie Business Success and Loan Centre, a non-

profit organization that promotes small business, entrepreneurship, and economic development in the Greater Fort Erie.

"I am very thankful for the BSL," Maloney said.

"I went through the program here and now I have a wonderful opportunity. Everyone (at the BSL) is knowledgeable and experienced."

Maloney is "excited" about what her company can offer "to help improve Niagara businesses."

"There's always something new to learn about our jobs," Maloney said.

"There's also grants (through the Canadian Ontario Jobs Grant that are) available to help pay for these courses and we can

help people access those grants," she added.

Maloney said she is looking forward to an upcoming spring business development series. The series will feature five one-day workshops that will be held at the BSL, at 45 Jarvis St., from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The topics include: Supervising others, March 4; Per-

formance Management, March 11; Time management, April 1; Employee motivation, April 8 and Proposal Writing, April 15.

For more information about available workshops visit www.optimize-training.com or call Maloney at 289-968-9423.

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active in campaigning for change. Then in 1908, 15,000 women marched through New York City demanding shorter hours, better pay and voting rights.

1909

In accordance with a declaration by the Socialist Party of America, the first National Woman's Day (NWD) was observed across the United States on 28 February. Women continued to

celebrate NWD on the last Sunday of February until 1913.

1910

In 1910 a second International Conference of Working Women was held in Copenhagen. A woman named a **Clara Zetkin** (Leader of the 'Women's Office' for the Social Democratic Party in Germany) tabled the idea of an International Women's Day. She proposed that every year in every

country there should be a celebration on the same day - a *Women's Day* - to press for their demands. The conference of over 100 women from 17 countries, representing unions, socialist parties, working women's clubs, and including the first three women elected to the Finnish parliament, greeted Zetkin's suggestion with unanimous approval and thus International Women's Day was the result.

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1911

Following the decision agreed at Copenhagen in 1911, International Women's Day (IWD) was honoured the first time in Austria, Denmark, Germany and Switzerland on 19 March. More than one million women and men attended IWD rallies campaigning for women's rights to work, vote, be trained, to hold public office and end discrimination. However less than a week later on 25 March, the tragic "Triangle Fire" in New York City

took the lives of more than 140 working women, most of them Italian and Jewish immigrants. This disastrous event drew significant attention to working conditions and labour legislation in the United States that became a focus of subsequent International Women's Day events. 1911 also saw women's "Bread and Roses" campaign.

1913-1914

On the eve of World War I campaigning for peace, Russian women observed

their first International Women's Day on the last Sunday in February 1913. In 1913 following discussions, International Women's Day was transferred to 8 March and this day has remained the global date for International Women's Day ever since. In 1914 further women across Europe held rallies to campaign against the war and to express women's solidarity.

1917

On the last Sunday of February, Russian women began a strike for "bread and

peace" in response to the death over 2 million Russian soldiers in war. Opposed by political leaders the women continued to strike until four days later the Czar was forced to abdicate and the provisional Government granted women the right to vote. The date the women's strike commenced was Sunday 23 February on the Julian calendar then in use in Russia. This day on the Gregorian calendar is use elsewhere was 8 March.

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From the gardener's journal

A few weeks ago I promised some tips on early seeding. I love these as it involves recycling or the new term "upcycling."

I hope these ideas will inspire you and encourage you to think green and growing green.

Easy
Save those recycled baked potato containers from Wendy's. They can function as perfect little greenhouses.

Just place a layer of moist paper toweling in the black tray part, sprinkle with a thin layer of good potting soil. And here's the great tip: mix cooled coffee grounds in with your lettuce seeds and spread thinly on top of the soil.

Just use an ice cube or two on the soil for moisture, then add the clear plastic lid, place in a warm but not overly sunny spot. Check in a day or two and you may have sprouts and in a short time you will have respectable seeds and you can add a little more soil to strengthen the roots. You can have a nice little salad container that is handy and if space is limited, a wee greenhouse.

Almost any container with a plastic lid will do for starting seeds, just keep the excess moisture under supervision. You want growth not rot.

Very trendy right now are succulents. You may have seen these from time to time. The variety is huge and they are easy grow, minimal care so you might find this fun too. These require minimal soil, lay the



small leaves or small plants on a very thin layer of soil on a layer of crushed shells or gravel in a shallow dish. Once settled easy watering with, yes, an ice cube once a week or as needed. You may have seen completed gardens in nurseries and once the really warm weather comes, these lovely plants can move outdoors so they are very versatile. Just a fun project to lighten a dull winter stretch.

Back to vegetables and herbs: I'm all about water and plants. Night now I write my long kitchen counter is home to approximately 20 containers filled with room temperature water and cuttings. The containers don't have to be fancy, just able to hold water, although I prefer glass or china for this project. Keep the water clean and in a just 14 days or less in some cases, you will have root systems and if you wish to then plant them in pots, you can. Another easy project if you want fresh herbs. Take some from your produce and tuck the stems in water. They will develop roots and seem to enjoy growing indoors in this fashion. Another low cost-low

maintenance project.

Why not begin your own sprouts? Using mason jars put one to two tablespoons of seeds in a wider mouth jar. Cover with 2 inches of warm water. Let this sit over night. In the morning, drain the water, using cheesecloth. Rinse the seeds by adding water to the jar, swishing the water and seeds around, then re draining. Do this twice a day, each day until the sprouts are the desired size—usually in three to seven days. Store the sprouts in a covered bowl or food storage bag with a paper towel inside to absorb excess moisture. Use the sprouts within a week. For fun try alfalfa as well as bean sprouts and even experiment with radish, beet or sunflower.

Some time ago the then president of the Ontario Horticultural Society challenged us to plant vegetables in

the cold of winter. The method was simple. Using those large plastic water jugs that are recyclable, you could cut the bottle 2/3 of the way leaving a flat base and lid to cover. Planting the seeds of winter greens such as kale and lettuce and spinach and Swiss chard in a nice potting mix then covering the plantings with the bottle 1/3, you would be creating a fairly sheltered greenhouse. We have a closed in porch and so that is an ideal, and cool spot for this project. Some times you have to plant outside the ...well, you know the rest.

There are so many ideas, but I tend to stick to the older and proven ways. So you will find me saving and crushing egg shells to mix in with the seedlings that will be planted outside. And this year I will try more coffee grains mixed in with the seeds of green veg-

etables. And I will plant with the sky signs and by the moon phases. Taurus and Gemini are the best for planting crops that bear above ground. Later in the season Libra is the best sign for transplanting flowers. That is, on those good years when the ground is not frozen!

Like all advice and suggestions, we have to make it work for our space and our needs. The goal is to begin and if we have some easy beginnings, that makes it a better start for most of us!

Here's to a great start indoors. See you on the trails, along the beach walks and enjoying the morning and evening sky splendours.

Have a lovely week and always, keep growing.

Ruth Vold Markle is the vice president of the Fort Erie Horticultural Society.

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CLAIRE MACSWEYN/SPECIAL TO THE FORT ERIE TIMES

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SARAH FERGUSON/FORT ERIE TIMES

Christian Zelencio, 15, won gold in the Female Junior C Open 50 kilogram division at the Brampton Cup held Feb. 6 to 8. The Fort Erie boxer trains at the St. Catharines Boxing Club.

Boxer wins gold at Brampton Cup

SARAH FERGUSON
Fort Erie Times

Christian Zelencio may be small in size but the 15-year-old boxer from Fort Erie packs a punch.

Zelencio, who trains out of the St. Catharines Boxing Club, defeated Irish national champion Sarah Edge 3-0 and Emilia Dermott, of No Excuse Boxing Club, 2-1 to win gold in the Female Junior C Open 50 kilogram division at the Brampton Cup held Feb. 6 to 8.

Zelencio's coach, Paul Zahra, describes the boxer as a dedicated and exceptional athlete.

"(Christian) is a south paw, which isn't common. It's one of those things—a lot of people are right-handed, not left-handed—where people don't prepare themselves for that type of stance in the ring," he said.

Zahra said Zelencio's success at the Brampton Cup isn't surprising because she is coachable, easy to get along with and does everything you tell her.

John Robertson, who also trains Zelencio, said the boxer is dedicated, and knows what she wants.

"She runs in the morning, she trains hard, and she's very focused on what she wants to do," Robertson said.

"It's not a sport that's an easy sport. Most girls, they're either playing soccer or volleyball. To actually get in the ring and compete against someone that's throwing punches at you, it takes

a special kind of person."

To stay in shape, Zelencio trains three days a week at the St. Catharines gym. She also runs and swims at the YMCA and trains at home.

Keeping up with the demands of school work and a busy schedule while balancing training became difficult for Zelencio. "I started doing online schooling so I could have more time to train at home," Zelencio explained.

"Now that I am studying online, it has given me a lot more time to train during the day and coming (to the gym) is a lot easier. I'm getting more sleep, more time to rest, especially emotionally. I'm not waking up early and driving to school a half an hour each way," she said.

Zelencio can spend 40 hours or more training but she doesn't consider the sport to be a full-time job.

"I really love it so it's not a job for me."

Although Zelencio will miss a number of milestones like graduation and prom, she doesn't regret her decision to study online.

"I'd rather not do those things than go to those things and not train. It's a choice."

Zelencio has set her sights on competing in the National Boxing Championships and training for the 2020 Olympics.

"I'd love to go to the 2020 Olympics. I've thought about going pro after. All boxers think about that. My first and primary

goal is to go to the Olympics."

With each day Zelencio trains, her passion for kick boxing and boxing grows.

"When I love it more now then I think I first started," she said.

"I've seen myself develop and I am seeing myself develop. It definitely gives me an extra push, knowing that I am going places with it."

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BRAMPTON CUP RESULTS

• Fort Erie's Christian Zelencio, who trains at the St. Catharines Boxing Club, won gold in the Female Junior C Open 50 kilogram division.

• Follow boxers from the St. Catharines Boxing Club include: Omar Nari, Junior A Novice 34kg, gold; Dylan Maisonneuve, Junior C Novice 57kg, gold; RJ Clarke, Junior B Novice 45kg, silver; Jake Isenor, Elite Open, 69kg, silver; Gerard Ryan, Junior C Open, 54kg, lost a 2-1 decision to Derek Pomerleau, of Quebec, for silver; Dan Ryan, Elite Open, 64kg, lost to Quebec Champion Samuel Lajoie in a 2-1 decision for silver; Victoria Pargam, female Elite Novice, 48kg, lost to Lai T Maw of Ottawa for bronze.

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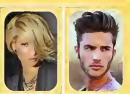
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JOSEPH BORDO/SPECIAL TO THE FORT ERIE TIMES

The Fort Erie Meteors defeated the first-place Caledonia Corvairs 5-2 Saturday night at the Fort Erie Leisureplex.

Meteors win eighth game in a row

SARAH FERROUSON
Fort Erie Times

Bryce Martin celebrated his 19th birthday and the eighth victory in a row for Fort Erie Meteors Saturday at the Fort Erie Leisureplex.

Martin, a defenseman, scored two goals for the Meteors to help them win 5-2 over the first-place Caledonia Corvairs, who suffered their third loss in the regular season of the Greater Ontario Junior Hockey League Golden Horseshoe Conference.

"I thought that everyone did their job, the play makers made plays, the shot blockers blocked shots and the goalie made a lot of big saves for us," Martin said.

"Overall, it was just a really good team effort from the goalie out. The energy is unbelievable in the change room, there's not one guy in there who isn't

smiling ear to ear including the trainers and coaches."

Meteors forward Anthony Passero said Saturday's game was "great" for the team's confidence.

"Those are games you need to rise up to going into playoffs," Passero said.

"Our goalie played great, our penalty kill was perfect and we buried on the power play. Everyone played a role and it was evident, coming out against a team like that with a 5-2 win."

Passero "couldn't be happier" for his team mates.

"It was great to play in front of a big and loud crowd, and it was definitely extra motivation for our guys."

Holden Garland also scored two goals for the Meteors and Darian Kiehl scored a single goal.

Quentin Maksimovich and

Jake Brown scored singles for Caledonia.

Brayden Lachance saved 37 of 39 shots on Fort Erie's net while Mark Sinclair recorded 14 saves for Caledonia.

Caledonia spent 28 minutes in the penalty box for eight infractions. Fort Erie incurred eight minutes on five infractions.

The fifth-place Meteors improved their record to 24 wins, 20 losses and one tie for a total of 52 points. The Corvairs' record dropped to 42-3-1 for a total of 87 points.

The Meteors will host the St. Catharines Falcons Saturday at 7:15 p.m. before they hit the ice for the final game of the regular season on Sunday against the Welland Junior Canadians at the Welland Arena at 7 p.m.

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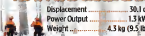
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Lila Maria Ash was born on December 6 at the St. Catharines General Hospital, weighing in at 8lbs 15oz and measuring 20 inches in length.
She is beautiful!
Thrilled grandparents for the second time are Tony and Maria Delle Rose of Fort Erie and for the ninth time, Allan and Sandy Ash of Sheraton. Also excited to welcome Lila are great grandparents Giovanna Delle Rose of Fort Erie and Paolo and Teresa Donisi of Dunkirk, New York. Lila is also blessed to be loved by many aunts, uncles and cousins.
Special thank you to Team A from Sage-Femmes Renaissance Midwifery and the nurses at the St. Catharines General Hospital.
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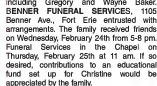
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- Ally Condie,

FLETCHER, David Arthur - David passed away at the age of 73, on Sunday, February 7, 2016 at the Welland Hospital. He was predeceased by his parents, Arthur and Gladys, his brother Norman and his sister Marion. Dave is survived by his brothers Daniel and Paul and his nephew Wayne. At Dave's request cremation has taken place with a private graveside service will follow at a later date.

HORAN, Margaret Anne - passed away peacefully in Parkville, British Columbia at the age of 101 years. Margaret was predeceased by her husband Edwin Charles (Ted) Horan, her sister Marion Minor and her grandson, Jeffrey Gulp. She is survived by her loving family in Nanaimo BC: daughter Bonnie (Bob) Gulp, grandson Gulp (Lara) Culp, great-grandchildren Sage, Ari, Kincoad and Mawen; as well as her dear friend Shella in Fort Erie, Ontario. Margaret developed and mastered many skills over her century of life, including expertise as a seamstress and a great fondness of caring for her orchids. A private family interment of the urn will take place in Ontario at a later date.

HYDE, Carol Ann Christine - Carol passed away unexpectedly at home on February 17th, 2016. Beloved wife of the late Larry. Proud mother of Christine, Chelise daughter of Carl and the late Agnes Baker. Sadly missed by her brother Norman, her friends and extended family including Gregory and Wayne Baker. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES**, 1105 Benner Ave., Fort Erie entrusted with arrangements. The family received friends on Wednesday, February 24th from 5-8 pm. Funeral Services in the Chapel on Thursday, February 25th at 11 am. If so desired, contributions to an educational fund set up for Christine would be appreciated by the family.



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MILLER, Dora -

is with great sadness that the family of Doris Miller announces her recent passing, at Maple Park Lodge, on Thursday, February 12, 2015, at the age of 95 years. Doris was born in Newcastle-upon-Tyne, England, November 28, 1915, immigrating to Canada in 1935, with her husband Chris and their three sons in 1936. Doris was preceded in death by her husband Doris (nee McDermott) Johnson, brother, Doris (John) and in 2014, her loving husband of 55 years, J. C. "Chris" Miller. She is survived by her sons, Chris Miller (Shelley), Keith Miller (Barbara), and John Miller, brother Peter Johnson (Shelley), and her grandchildren, David Johnson, Maguire Miller and their spouses, grandchildren Amber Miller, Colin Miller and Ryan Venn, great grandchildren Noah Venn and Owen Venn. Doris was also survived by her cousins, nieces and nephews residing in England. Doris was a waitress for her entire working life. She worked in several hotels and restaurants, including the famous O'Connell's Restaurant, where she spent the bulk of her working life, employed by her greatest friends, the Coates family. Cremation has taken place and her ashes will be scattered in due followed by a celebration of Doris's life in lieu of flowers, donations to the Maple Park Lodge Palliative Care Unit is appreciated. Please contact the family at 19W3. (905) 894-0224. Funeral arrangements entrusted to **NIAGARA FUNERAL ALTERNATIVES**, (905) 894-


SEIBOLD, Alfred - Alfred passed away peacefully and unexpectedly in Orangeville on February 18th, 2016 at the age of 48. Sadly missed by Crystal and the boys, Dylan, Devon and Jarred. Cherished son of Robert and Ingeborg. Proud brother of Robert (Debbie). He will be sadly missed by his four legged good companion Shavo. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES**, 1105 Benner Ave., Fort Erie, Ontario entrusted with arrangements. The family will receive friends Wednesday, February 24th from noon until the time of service in the Funeral Chapel at 1 o'clock. If so desired, donations to the DREAMS TO FLY Foundation would be appreciated. In lieu of a flower, PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN THE SERVICE TIME.

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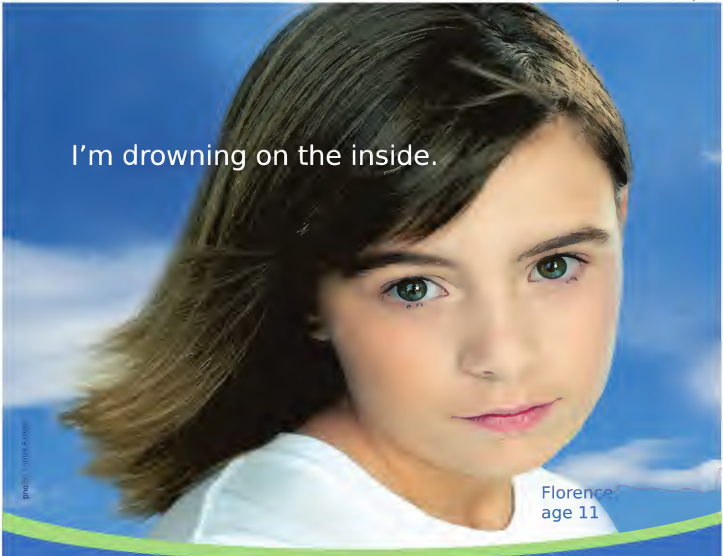
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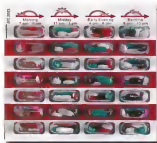
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